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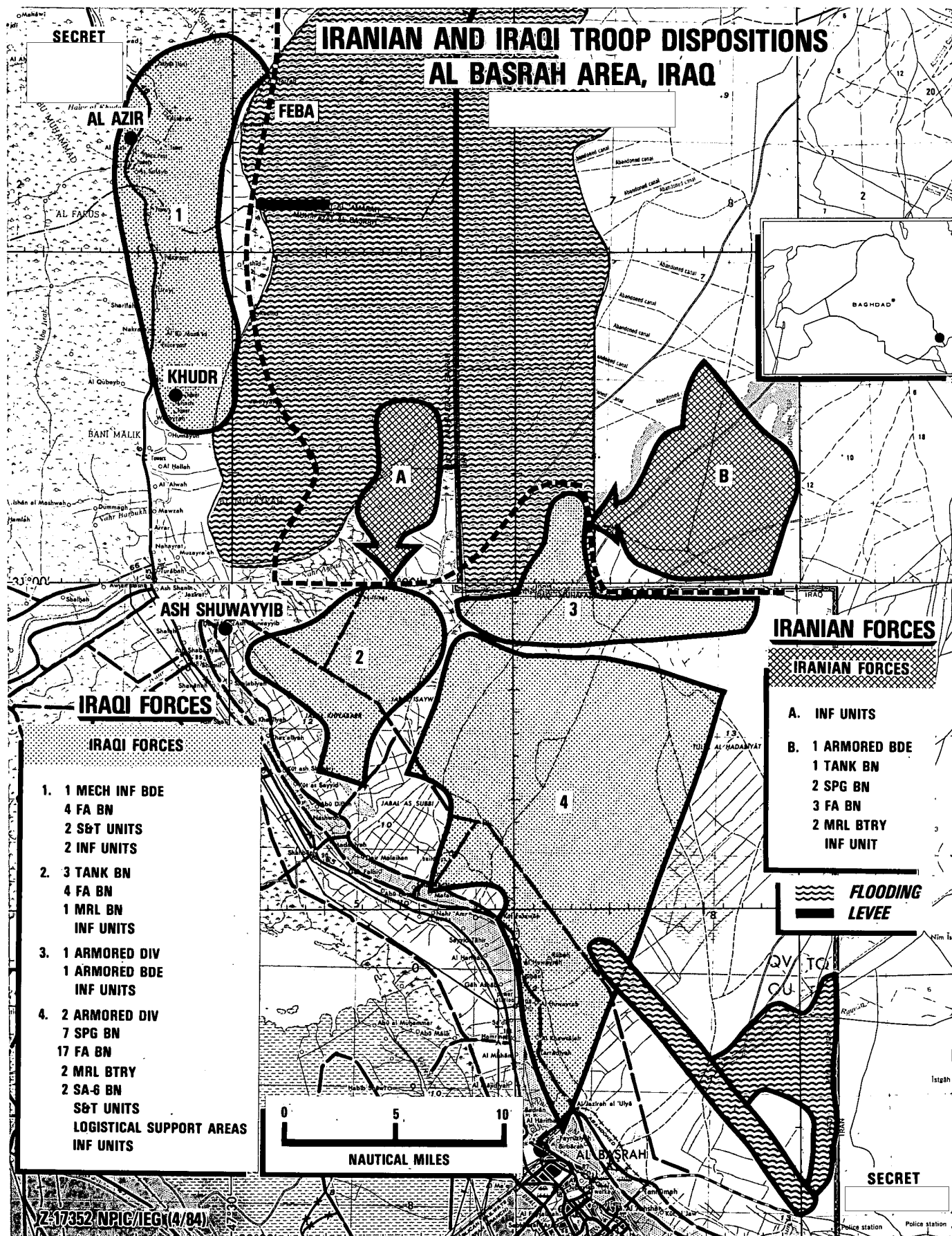
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IRANIAN AND IRAQI TROOP DISPOSITIONS
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: AN IRANIAN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER NORTH OF AL BASRAH WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] IRAQI REINFORCEMENTS AND COUNTER ATTACKS WERE UNDERWAY. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: THE IRANIAN OFFENSIVE CONSISTED OF ATTACKS ALONG TWO FRONTS. TWO IRANIAN ARMORED COMPANIES SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY ADVANCED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM WEST THROUGH UNCONTESTED TERRITORY AND BREECHED IRAQI INFANTRY POSITIONS ALONG THE NORTHERN EDGE OF AN IRAQI-BUILT, NORTH-SOUTH CANAL 31 NM NORTH OF AL BASRAH. AN IRAQI ARMORED BRIGADE SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY WAS COUNTERATTACKING THESE IRANIAN UNITS. IN ADDITION, ONE IRAQI ARMORED DIVISION HAD ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE POSITION SOUTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER [REDACTED] (SWN)

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THE SECOND IRANIAN ATTACK CONSISTED OF INFANTRY, USING SMALL SHALLOW-DRAFT BOATS, TO CROSS THE HAWR AL HAWIZAH MARSHES AND MOVE SOUTHEASTERLY TOWARD IRAQI POSITIONS 36 NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH. OPPOSING IRAQI INFANTRY FORCES WERE REINFORCING POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE EAST-WEST CANAL WHICH EXTENDS FROM THE SHATT AL ARAB TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER. ONE IRAQI TANK BATTALION HAD BEEN DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF THESE INFANTRY UNITS [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, ELEMENTS OF TWO IRAQI ARMORED DIVISIONS, THREE SELF-PROPELLED GUN (SPG) BATTALIONS, AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS WERE DEPLOYED NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH [REDACTED]

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IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH (ITEM A) INCLUDED AT LEAST ONE LARGE INFANTRY UNIT. (SWN)

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IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED NORTH OF AL BASRAH AND NORTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER (ITEM B) INCLUDED ONE ARMORED BRIGADE, ONE TANK BATTALION, TWO SPG BATTALIONS, THREE FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) BATTALIONS, TWO MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTERIES, AND AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT. (SWN)

OPPOSING IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY OF AL AZIR AND KHUHR AL AWJAB ALONG THE TIGRIS RIVER (ITEM 1) INCLUDED ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, FOUR FA BATTALIONS, AT LEAST TWO SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS, AND TWO INFANTRY UNITS. (SWN)

IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH AND EAST OF ASH SHUWAYYIB (ITEM 2) INCLUDED THREE TANK BATTALIONS, FOUR FA BATTALIONS, ONE MRL BATTALION, AND NUMEROUS INFANTRY UNITS. (SWN)

IRAQI FORCES NORTH OF AL BASRAH ASTRIDE THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER (ITEM 3) INCLUDED ONE ARMORED DIVISION, ONE ARMORED BRIGADE, AND NUMEROUS INFANTRY UNITS. THE PORTION OF THESE FORCES IN IRANIAN TERRITORY INCLUDED ONE ARMORED BRIGADE AND NUMEROUS INFANTRY UNITS. (SWN)

IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED NORTH OF AL BASRAH IN SUPPORT OF FRONTLINE UNITS (ITEM 4) INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED DIVISIONS, SEVEN SPG BATTALIONS, 17 FA BATTALIONS, TWO MRL BATTERIES, TWO SA-6 BATTALIONS, NUMEROUS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS, NUMEROUS LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AREAS, AND NUMEROUS INFANTRY UNITS. (SWN)

IRAQI ARMOR OUTNUMBERED IRANIAN ARMOR IN THE BATTLE AREA WITH 1,020 IRAQI ARMORED VEHICLES TO 154 IRANIAN ARMORED VEHICLES. IRAQI ARTILLERY OUTNUMBERED IRANIAN ARTILLERY BY 524 TO 70 RESPECTIVELY. THIS EQUATES TO A 7 TO 1 IRAQI ADVANTAGE IN BOTH ARMOR AND ARTILLERY IN THE IMAGED PORTION OF THE BATTLE AREA. (SWN) (PERSIAN GULF SECTION/)

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3. BE NONE, COORDINATES NONE. (U)

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